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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHEN ET AL.

Examiner

Karl E. Group

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 February 2005.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-4,6,7-9,13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a or e) as being anticipated by Nakamura et al (6,620,753).

See examples 3 and 4. Nakamura et al teach a dielectric composition where the dielectric may be ABO_3 and A is at least one of Ba, Sr and Ca and B is at least one of Ti, Zr, Hf. The claims are considered anticipated.

5. Claims 1-4,6,9,13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a or e) as being anticipated by Kim et al (6,429,163) and Namura et al (5,319,517), each taken alone.

Kim et al teach a dielectric composition including $Sr_x Ba_{1-x} (Zr_y Ti_{1-y}) O_3$. See specifically the examples. The claims are considered anticipated.

Nakamura et al see the formula $Ba_{1-x-y} Ca_x Sr_y Ti_{1-z} Zr_z O_3$ where x is between 0 and .25, y is between 0-.05 and z is between .1-.3, column 3, lines 30-38. The claims are considered anticipated.

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6. Claims 1-10,13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a or e) as being anticipated by Li et al (6,641,940).

Li et al teach a dielectric material including $Ba_y Sr_{1-y} Ti_{1-x} M_x O_3$ where M is selected from Ta, Zr, Hf, etc. X and Y are selected from 0 to 1. See specifically example 3. The claims are considered anticipated.

7. Claims 1-9,11-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Sano et al (5,510,305).

See the formula column 3, lines 7-10. Examples 9,14 show La substituted for Ba. Both Zr and Hf are substituted for Ti.

The claims are considered anticipated or in the alternative the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have selected the overlapping portion of the range disclosed by the prior art or select components taught as functional in the prior art because overlapping ranges have been held to be a prima facie case of obvious, see *In re Malagari*, 182 U.S.P.Q 549.

8. Claims 1,4,6,8,9,13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chazono et al (5,296,425) and Chaput et al (5,017,534).

Chazono et al See examples ,1,24-22,24-43. Chaput et al see example 5
Products of identical chemical composition cannot have mutually exclusive properties.
In re Spada, 15 USPQ2d 1655,1658 (Fed. Circ. 1990).

9. Claims 1-5,13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hanke et al (4,054,532).

See formula column 3, lines 10-20 and examples 6-8,18-24. The claims are considered anticipated.

10. Joo et al (6,096,593) is cited of interest however fails to exemplify a quaternary composition.

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


12. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl E. Group whose telephone number is 571-272-1368. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-4:00) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo can be reached on 571-272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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